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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/797,236  
Applicant: Michel DELZENNE  
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Title: Plasma cutting torch electrode with an Hf/Zr insert  
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Examiner: Unknown  
Docket No.: Serie 6145  
Customer No.: 000040582

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of January 19, 2005,  
please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**An Appendix** including the Abstract is attached following page 5 of this paper.